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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DIST. OF CALIF.  
LOS ANGELES

Plaintiff in Pro Per

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANCIENT MOSAIC,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: 2:18-CV-04420

**VERIFIED CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP  
BY MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI**

**TO ALL PLAINTIFF AND ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:** Claimant **MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI**, asserts an ownership interest in the ANCIENT MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules.

1. Claimant, MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI (hereinafter referred to as "ALCHARIHI"), is a resident of Palmdale, California.

2. Claimant, MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI, has the right to make this claim by virtue of the fact that the property belongs to him.

3. The Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI, is the sole individual owner of the ANCIENT MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules - the 11<sup>th</sup> labor of Hercules.

4. The ANCIENT MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules, was imported as trash and restored to value by the Claimant, MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI, spending over \$40,000 for the technique of restoration and preservation.

5. The ANCIENT MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules, popularly described in the antiquities industry as "The Eleventh Labor of Hercules" is a famous Mosaic in the history of Greek mythology that was damaged and in no condition to be displayed or shown to viewers as an item in a museum or other display venue.

6. Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI paid for the importation and shipping of the MOSAIC,

7. Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI has all necessary documentation of ownership for the ANCIENT MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules.

8. The ANCIENT MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules, is a "Turkish Mosaic."

9. Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI has an invoice for the

1 purchase of the MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era  
2 Mosaic of Hercules.

3 10. The invoice was written in Turkish and English and listed the business  
4 that sold the MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era  
5 Mosaic of Hercules, to Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI as "Ahmet  
6 Bostanci" with an address in a province in Turkey.

7 11. The invoice included a statement: "We Hereby declare and Certify that  
8 the contents covered by this receipt are all Turkish origin and has nothing to do whit  
9 [sic] Syria what so ever."

10 12. Additionally, Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI has a copy  
11 of a Certificate of Origin reflecting Turkey as the country of origin of the MOSAIC.  
12 more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of Hercules

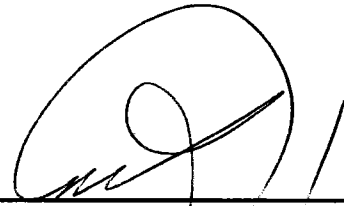
13 13. The property should be returned to Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN  
14 ALCHARIHI for the reason that said property was not, and is not, subject to seizure or  
15 forfeiture.

16 14. Further, no probable cause existed for the seizure of his property and such  
17 property was unlawfully seized.

18 15. A demand is made forthwith, to allow Claimant MOHAMAD YASSIN  
19 ALCHARIHI the right to participate in these proceedings relating to the ANCIENT  
20 MOSAIC, more descriptively known as a 2000-Year-Old Roman Era Mosaic of  
21 Hercules.

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23 Dated: July 11, 2018

Respectfully,



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25 MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI  
26 Plaintiff, in Pro Per

27 **VERIFICATION**

28 I have read the foregoing **VERIFIED CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP BY**

1 **MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI** know its contents.

2 ☒ I am a party to this action. The matters stated in the foregoing document are  
3 true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on  
4 information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

5 ☐ I am \_\_\_ an officer, \_\_\_ a partner \_\_\_, an agent \_\_\_, of  
6 \_\_\_, a party to this action, and am authorized to make  
7 this Verification for and on its behalf, and I make this Verification for that  
8 reason. I am informed and believe and on that ground, allege that the  
9 matters stated in the foregoing document are true. The matters stated in the  
10 foregoing document are true of my own knowledge except as to those  
11 matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I  
12 believe them to be true.

13 ☐ I am one of the attorneys for \_\_\_, a party to  
14 this action. Such party is absent from the County of aforesaid where such  
15 attorneys have their offices, and I make this Verification for and on behalf,  
16 and I make this Verification for that reason. I am informed and believe and  
17 on that ground, allege that the matters stated in the foregoing document are  
18 true.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

20 Executed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 at Los Angeles, California.

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MOHAMAD YASSIN ALCHARIHI